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SUMMARY

Though Sino-Soviet friendship and China's debt to Russia are deemphasized, Tsitsihar establishes a Stalin Memorial Room in the local library, and talk of the Dairen monument to Soviet soldiers reveals that the city now has a "Stalin Square." The continuing influence of Soviet experts is obvious, with new concentration on teachers, and Soviet educational experts organizing long-term training courses for teachers, who must learn Russian as well as accept Marxist theories.

Success of the Resist America-Aid Korea drive to enlist health workers for Korea leads to cancellation of the premarriage examination program for lacl .' personnel. It also is revealed that 60 percent of textile workers now are women, 140,000 of them in Shanghai alone. Though praising steps toward an armistice, Peking is cautious, suggests that America does not want peace, and revives the theme of American weakness to encourage hope of victory.

Japan is represented as desperate for China trade, but China's need for foreign goods is apparent. Old iron mines are rehabilitated; the poor quality of manufactured goods has made them unacceptable; and, the plan to unload undesirable products on the peasants has backfired, with cooperatives that took the goods on credit unable to make payment.

With the need for farm activity urgent, famine interferes, while in some areas farmers are deserting for the cities. This problem is so serious that the Labor Minister has been asked to find a solution. Mutual aid teams and cooperatives, planned as the first step toward collective farming, are blamed for part of the trouble, with cadres ordered to correct the shortcomings of these groups, including their encroachment on private property rights of individual farmers.

People's Liberation Army efforts to regiment and rehabilitate Kwangtung fishermen; a meeting to plan stronger frontier defenses; and, special efforts to win over minority groups along the Yunnan border, all suggest fear of forces outside as well as inside Communist-controlled China. French-allied Laos, invaded by the Viet Minh, is accused of aggressive designs, and Thailand is charged with abetting American aggression.

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